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RUSSELL ROSS FARRELL, Commander, United States Navy Reserve (Retired), 1387 Diamond Street, Pacific Beach, California, advised that he was a [illegible] retired Commander, U. S. Navy Reserve, who had served as a legal officer in various commands in the Norfolk and San Diego areas over the past 15 years. After his retirement, he said that he had become active in an anti-communist movement sponsored by the Copley Press in San Diego, a chain of newspapers in the Southwest, in which connection he held anti-communist meetings and showed the movie "Operation Abolition" before various groups.

He advised on November 27, 1963, that he had become convinced during this [illegible] association that the persons of "far right" persuasion who were associated in this endeavor were so strongly anti-KENNEDY and anti-administration in their views, that he now actually believes it possible that they had had a hand in the assassination of KENNEDY and the murder of OSWALD. He stated he had heard conversations and seen correspondence from such persons as Major General WALKER, Retired Chief of Staff; Admiral RADFORD; H. L. HUNT, prominent Dallas millionaire who publishes "Lifeline", an anti-communist publication; JAMES COPLEY of the Copley Press; and others, that convinced him that these persons were so violently anti-administration as to be capable of anything.

When the assassination occurred, FARRELL watched the television coverage continuously and became emotionally aroused, especially when RUBY killed OSWALD. He states he knew RUBY when he was legal officer in Dallas in 1948 and was involved in one investigation of the beating of several members of a bomber crew in RUBY'S club during a disturbance. Dallas policemen were involved, and FARRELL believes RUBY has had influence with the Dallas Police Department for years, since he hired off-duty police as bouncers in his clubs. He dug out a copy of some signed statements taken from the flyers concerning the incident. Neither RUBY nor any policemen are named in the statements, although the fracas did occur at "Abe's Colony Club". One officer is referred to as Badge Number 302. Other officers are mentioned as having participated in the beating, but are not named.

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All of this so [illegible] that he contacted SA GERRY and discussed the [illegible] length. He felt at the time that the author [illegible] definitely be considering the possibility that the [illegible] "rightist plot" and that RUBY had been [illegible] OSWALD with the connivance of the Dallas Police [illegible] to shut him up.

Later, at 4:30 [illegible] AM the morning, FARRELL called SA GERRY and said that he had come to realize that he had been irrational; that he actually had no evidence or concrete reason for the view he had expressed; and that he did not wish to carry it any further.